

Saturday
Feb 13, 1971

Dear Mom and Dad,

Yesterday Vickie had her last two wisdom teeth pulled so we are just sitting around taking it easy watching T.V. It is a rainy day today - we haven't had many - and rather mild. Yesterday it was sunny and near 60°. We are still looking forward to going skiing, probably in about two weeks. Next Saturday we are going to see a production of Hamlet at George Washington University.

Last Saturday we went to the Smithsonian and then ate dinner at a Greek Restaurant that Bob Ellsworth introduced us to. When you come and visit I would like to eat there one evening. I have a tentative schedule for showing you all we can in a short time. We are certainly looking forward to having a good time.

It sounds like fun to go up to the cabin. We sort of miss the mountains and the ocean. Maybe next year I will try to transfer to one of the Naval Stations that are in San Diego and Pasadena. The friends whose wedding we attended are living in Los Angeles now. We might call them tonight to see how they made it through the earthquake.

My project at work is coming along very well and I am on schedule. I just finished a technical note on my progress and will have another in about two months. This should insure my promotion to GS-13 after 1 year of service. Then my salary will be over \$17,000 /year and we will have it pretty easy. I will certainly repay you the money we owe by the end of this year. Right now it is hard to save a lot because the heating bills are so high. We are getting along fine, though.

Maybe when our lease expires in June we will look for an apartment nearer

Washington. We could move over to Eastern Maryland, be the same distance ^{from} ~~to~~ Stahlgren, and a lot closer to the city. We would look for an unfurnished apartment and could afford a pretty nice place. When Vickie gets a job the house would be a lot to take care of and anyway we would like to be closer to the city activities. Fredericksburg isn't a bad place, but it is a little too sleepy and quiet for our taste. If we stay here we would have to buy some air conditioning for the summer. Well, we will just take our time and think about it. Hope you had a nice weekend -

Jim